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HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

5:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

CITY OF MISSION - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1201 E. 8TH STREET

MISSION, TEXAS

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Rick Perez, Vice-Chair
Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Olivarez, Member
Ricardo Perez, Member
Juan Maldonado, Member
Michael G. Cano, Member
Godfrey Garza, Jr.
Flor E. Koll

Others:

Dan Rios, Legal Counsel	Ed Jones	Carl Erickson
Cheryl Bellamy	Jayne Jones	Pat Erickson
Reza Badiozzamani	Betty Ashland	Delaino Schafer
Chris Vela	Loys Ashland	Suzane Schafer
Eddie Saenz	Mary Ann Schurfel	Laverne Faber
Jennie Taraborelli	Lloyd B. Shaz	Donna Faber
Greg Beatty	Joyce Curry	John Montgomery
Richard Moya	John Curry	Ruth Montgomery
Kerry Winkler	Lois Iverson	Isidor Mahorald
Erika Reyna	Jim Iverson	Marge Chalmers
Jody Ellington, TxDOT	Pat Rockheld	John Chalmers
Dan Rios	Robert Pratt	Patrick Baker
Jared Janes	Carol Pratt	Carol Baker
Scott Young	Ann Merryman	Don E. Wilson
Joyce Davis	F. Runnels	Eric Detriech

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and announced a quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ed Jones asked when can property owners expect to be contacted regarding appraised value of property, whether the impact statement is complete, and who is the appraisal firm setting the value on the property.

Ms. Donna Faber wanted to know if the comments submitted by Quiet Village II opposing the project were read by anyone. Mr. John Chalmers asked if the loop project was etched in stone and could other avenues be considered. Mr. Don Wilson was inquiring whether or not he would be reimbursed for his loss as the owner of all the utilities for Quiet Village II. Mr. Godfrey Garza gave an overall project update.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes January 13, January 20 and February 4 – 2010

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests

This item was presented at the end of the agenda. The chairman announced the board would go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney at 7:24 pm. Regular session convened at 7:41 pm. Chairman Burleson made note with regard to Godfrey Garza erroneously being referred to as Executive Director; Godfrey Garza is administrative and management consultant. *Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the outstanding invoices and travel requests as presented, Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports – Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.

Cheryl Bellamy gave a brief summary on the Financial Report explaining the difference on the balance was due to cash verses accrual. *Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Administrative Report – Godfrey Garza, Jr.

1. Discussion, consideration, and approval of Engagement with Engineering Firms to provide Professional Engineering Services as it relates to the GMP Review – Resolution 2009-45
Godfrey Garza stated that S&B and Raba Kistner were previously approved by the Board to provide GMP review, subject to successful negotiations. Due to the scope being reduced for the GMP proposal, the RMA only needs one firm. Juan Maldonado requested to go into executive session to discuss the procurement, the motion was not seconded. *Ricardo Perez moved to rank S&B first and if negotiations with S&B were not successful, then Raba Kistner would be considered next. Joe Olivarez seconded that motion and upon a vote the motion carried with 6 in favor and one opposed (Juan Maldonado).*
2. Discussion, consideration and action approving Request for proposal for Legal Services Resolution 2010-11
Godfrey Garza presented the proposal for Legal Services. *Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the request for proposal for legal services, Michael Cano seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
3. Discussion and Direction as it pertains to the tolling infrastructure
Godfrey Garza requested direction from the board regarding tolling agency experts. Reza Badiozzamani commented on the importance of this part of the project. *No action was taken on this item.*
4. Discussion, consideration and action on revised GMP proposal from Hidalgo County Roadbuilders – Resolution 2010-12
Godfrey Garza presented the revised GMP to the board. Jennie Taraborelli from Hidalgo County Road Builders elaborated. *Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the revised GMP proposal, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
5. Discussion on Local Control of Project
Godfrey Garza explained letters were already submitted to TxDOT requesting primacy on all three projects – Trade Corridor, Connector and La Joya Bypass. *No action was taken on this item.*
6. Discussion and action on the Finance, Executive, Planning and Selection Committee member Appointments
The board will serve as selection committee for now. No action taken on this item.
7. Discussion and action on selection of appraisals services from the Hidalgo County Pool by Selection Committee
The board will receive copies of the RFQ for 5 appraisal firms from the Hidalgo County Pool, score them and make a selection at a future board meeting.
8. Discussion and action on selection of short list of Professional Engineering Services from the Hidalgo County Engineering Pool by the Selection Committee as it relates to the TIGER Grant Project locations

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The board will receive copies of the RFQ for 9 of the Professional Engineering Services from the Hidalgo County Pool, score them and make a final selection at a future board meeting.

9. Annual Report -March 31, 2010; Strategic Plan – 2010

Godfrey Garza briefed the board on the Annual report being due on March 31, 2010 and the Strategic Plan due to be updated by the end of 2010.

B. TxDOT – Mario Jorge, PE

- 1. Market Valuation**
- 2. Project Update**

Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT clarified difference on/off system highways for funding purposes, explained the Market Valuation Process, and updated the Board on the status of the Primacy letter submitted to TxDOT by the HCRMA.

C. Hidalgo County Roadbuilders – Reza Badiozzamani

- 1. Project Update**
No update

D. First Southwest – Richard Ramirez/Chris Vela

- 1. Market Valuation Process**
- 2. NADBank Meeting**

Mr. Chris Vela briefed the members of the board on a future meeting with the North American Development Bank.

E. PBS&J –Kerry Winkler

- 1. Update on Supplemental Environmental Contract**

Ms. Kerry Winkler gave an update on the Status of the Supplement Environmental Contracts. Contracts are still under review by Legal Counsel. *No action required at this time.*

F. Legal – Blakely Fernandez and Dan Rios

- 1. Training schedule – Ethics training**
- 2. Personal Financial Statements**

Mr. Dan Rios addressed the board, the training schedule for ethics training will be placed on hold until a selection of new counsel takes place. Mr. Rios reminded board members that financial statements are due by April 30, 2010.

G. Chairman's Report

No report given.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney**
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property**
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters**

The chairman announced the board would go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney, at 7:24 pm to discuss the contract with the

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administrative and managerial services contractor. Regular session reconvened at 7:41 pm. No decisions were made during executive session.

6. Adjournment

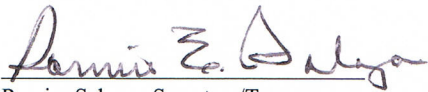
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

Public Input Policy: "At the beginning of each HCRMA meeting, the HCRMA will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the HCRMA must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the HCRMA. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, HCRMA members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies."

Attested by:



Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer